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SUBJ: PAKISTAN MOVES AT UN IN WAKE OF INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

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1. ASYG AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO SYG KITTANI IN PRESENCE SYG
AIDE PROHASKA BRIEFED AMB SCHAUFLE JUNE 14 ON CONVERSATION WITH
PAKISTAN PERMREP AKHUND ON INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. AKHUND SAID
SYG STATEMENT ON EXPLOSION TOO MILD, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE
SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON ADDITIONAL ACTION HE BELIEVES SYG SHOULD
TAKE. AKHUND SAID NOTHING ABOUT TAKING QUESTION TO SC. MOREOVER,
IN RESPONSE TO KITTANI'S QUERY, AKHUND SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS
ON WHETHER TO PLACE ITEM ON GA AGENDA. AKHUND DID, HOWEVER, TALK
ABOUT PUTTING INDIA'S PLUTONIUM UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL
SAFEGUARDS. ACCORDING TO AKHUND, SC RES 255 OF 1968 IS

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"INADEQUATE" FOR PAKISTAN'S PURPOSES. (BOTH PAKISTAN AND INDIA

VOTED AGAINST THIS RES AND NEITHER HAVE SIGNED NPT.)

2. KITTANI SAID SYG HAD NOT YET REPLIED TO BHUTTO'S LETTER TO SYG AND HE DID NOT YET KNOW WHAT FORM REPLY MIGHT TAKE. HE SAID PROBLEM IS, PAKISTAN HAS ASKED SYG TO DO SOMETHING, WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHAT, AND AT SAME TIME HAD COMMUNICATED WITH OTHER UN MEMBERS, INCLUDING PERMANENT SC MEMBERS. (SCHAUFEELE SAID USG ALSO HAD NOT YET REPLIED TO BHUTTO LETTER.) PROHASKA SUGGESTED ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO HAVE SYG TRANSMIT BHUTTO LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT; HOWEVER, KITTANI WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO RECOMMEND THAT SYG, RATHER THAN UN MEMBER, INITIATE SC ACTION ON SUBJECT. SCHAUFEELE AND KITTANI AGREED THAT RES ON INDIA EXPLOSION COULD NOT ESCAPE VETO IN SC, AND SUCH RES IN GA IS NON-BINDING. IN SUMMARY, KITTANI SAID SYG FACED WITH PROBLEM OF HOW TO REACT TO BHUTTO LETTER.

3. SCHAUFEELE SUGGESTED THAT NUCLEAR QUESTION ALREADY ON SC AGENDA, BUT KITTANI SAID ONLY GENERAL PROBLEM ON AGENDA, NOT SPECIFIC INDIAN EXPLOSION ITEM. SCHAUFEELE TOLD KITTANI AND PROHASKA THAT IF SYG PLANNED TO FORWARD LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT HE SHOULD ONLY DO SO AFTER CONSULTATION WITH PAKISTAN, ESPECIALLY SINCE LETTER IS FROM HEAD OF GOVERNMENT.

4. SCHAUFEELE SAID US HAS NO POSITION ON QUESTION OF SC CONSIDERATION, BUT AS DISCUSSION ITSELF INDICATED, THIS WAS A COMPLICATED PROBLEM REQUIRING CONSIDERABLE CONSULTATION AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES. KITTANI ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE CONSULTATIONS AMONG OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS AND SCHAUFEELE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD NOTHING IN THIS REGARD.

5. COMMENT: IT INTERESTING THAT PAKISTAN EVIDENTLY HAS NO CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT IT WANTS SYG TO DO. KITTANI MAY HAVE BEEN RIGHT WHEN HE STATED THAT PAKISTAN IS SEARCHING FOR ALL POSSIBLE MEANS TO PUBLICIZE THE MATTER IN THE UN AND OUT, BUT MAY EXPECT NOTHING MORE.
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